

## NEWS.

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DR. JULIUS WIESNER, the well-known plant physiologist of the University of Vienna, has been made a life member of the upper house of the Austrian parliament.

Dr. BRADLEY M. DAVIS has been spending the spring in Cambridge completing a textbook of botany in co-authorship with Mr. JOSEPH Y. BERGEN. His connection with the University of Chicago will end July 1. He will be at Woods Hole through the summer.

IN VIEW of the great service rendered by Dr. J. BRIQUET at the Vienna Congress, an international demonstration in his honor was arranged. The funds obtained from fourteen different countries have been used in the purchase of a gold watch with congratulatory inscription, a check for 2000 francs for the furtherance of Dr. BRIQUET'S scientific work, and an illuminated address. The details of this movement have been published and also Dr. BRIQUET'S letter of thanks.

THE THIRD annual meeting of the Botanical Symposium will be held from July 2 to 9, 1906, at Mountain Lodge, Little Moose Lake, Old Forge, N. Y. Through the courtesy of the members of the Adirondack League Club the privilege of occupying the Club House for one week is extended to the members of the Symposium. Botanists are requested to notify Mr. Joseph Crawford, Secretary, 2824 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., if they intend to attend the Symposium.

A NEW JOURNAL bearing the title *Annales de Biologie Lacustre* is to be published under the editorship of Dr. ERNEST ROUSSEAU, with the collaboration of a very large board of editors. The first fascicle as announced contains 192 pages with figures and maps. Publication is to be in German, English, French, and Italian. Each volume will contain 400 to 500 pages, and the subscription price will be 20 to 30 francs. The address of the editor is Musée royal d'Histoire Naturelle, rue Vautier, 31, à Bruxelles.

A MOVEMENT is on foot to erect in Jena a statue as a memorial to Professor ERNST ABBE, who died last year. The American Microscopical Society has issued a circular letter appealing to its members to aid in this movement. The Bausch & Lomb Optical Company of Rochester, N. Y., which has long had business relations with the Zeiss works, has also sent out letters asking for contributions from those who are not members of the society. Contributions in any amount will be welcomed and will be acknowledged.

A FASCICLE OF KEW BULLETINS has appeared recently, bearing various dates from 1900 to 1906. This is an attempt to revive a dormant publication suffi-

ciently to permit the annual volumes to be bound. Heretofore these volumes have been represented by the annual appendices, which led to the current gibe that the *Bulletin* had succumbed to appendicitis. The most curious illustration of "closing up ranks" is the volume for 1900, the body of which consists of 32 pages, now issued as nos. 157-168, and which were necessary as a preface to the four appendices.

PROFESSOR W. A. KELLERMAN recently returned from his second collecting trip to Guatemala. On account of quarantine regulations (because of yellow fever) he was obliged to return three weeks before the time set. The party traversed the entire country from east to west and went up as far as Quetzaltenango (alt. 2500<sup>m</sup>). Collections were made about Lake Amatitlan and also at the still more beautiful Lake Atitlan, and on the ascent of three volcanoes. Perhaps ten times as many species of parasitic fungi were gathered as in the same time last year, and the collections seem to contain many new species.

DR. F. CAVARA reports as reasonably successful the attempts to establish an alpine garden on the slopes of Mt. Etna. It is located behind the Casa Cantoniera at an altitude of 1880<sup>m</sup>, the first cultures at 1440<sup>m</sup> having failed on account of the heat and drought. About 150 species are now thoroughly established, and nearly 400 more are more or less successfully grown. The garden is surrounded by a stone wall which mitigates the violence of the winds. Cisterns and snow magazines (there are no streams) eke out the scanty supply of rain in the growing season, which in 1904 was 56<sup>mm</sup> in May, June, July, and August. The director is to be congratulated on overcoming the many difficulties and solving so many of the problems which confront him in this undertaking. The garden has been christened *Gussonea*, in honor of "un valoroso studioso della flora sicula."